

80 Alternatives to YouTube

A list of 80 free video resources that teachers and educators can use instead of YouTube

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Introduction

There is no blinking the fact that YouTube is one of the best educational video resources online. It has thousands and thousands of learning materials scattered among different educational channels. I am actually working on another ebook where I will be providing most of these channels. I strongly believe in the potential of YouTube and I am also geared towards helping my fellow educators use this inestimable resource to the maximum.

Unfortunately, YouTube is not made just for educational content meaning that the videos found there are not always students friendly. The thing is even when you find a good educational video that you want to share with your students you get frustrated because of the distractive features around it which sometimes amount to irrelevant and indecent content. And even though developers have recently empowered us with some awesome YouTube Safety Tools (I that renders the YouTube video viewing experiencing completely safe through removing the irrelevant suggested video playlists and all the coarse language included in the comments section such as [Quietube](#), [Cleaner YouTube](#), [Viewpure](#), [YouTube Safety Mode](#), [Tubechop](#), and [Safeshare TV](#), still schools are still reluctant to grant access to YouTube inside its settings.

Teachers are still unable to access YouTube in their classrooms and it is really frustrating given the wasted educational benefit we can get from it, however as much as we believe in the use of every kind of technology in education, we are more insistent on finding other alternatives to YouTube. This is the main reason why we have compiled this list of some of the best educational alternatives to YouTube.

Over the last two years, I have been sporadically covering some great video resources that both teachers and students can use in the classroom and now that the need for such tools has become much more pressing, we finally consolidated all of those resources together with some new ones into this eBook.

All the links contained here are valid as of 24 March, 2012. We have tested and tried every single one of them to make sure that there is no 404 errors in them. To access any of these links you just click on the tool title.

The folks in [Educational Technology and Mobile Learning](#) are pretty sure that by the use of these free video resources, users (educators, teachers and to some extent students too) will be able to have an unlimited access to a plethora of educational videos covering hundreds of academic and non academic topics. We are also sure that the collection below has, if not all, then most of the top video resources any educator can think of and in case we have missed any then please let us know of your suggestion using this email : med@educatorstechnology.com.

SchoolTube



SchoolTube is a great video resource for both students and teachers. It has hundreds of how-to resources, copyright-friendly media, and lesson plans for using video in the classroom. It also allows teachers and students to create their own channels and start sharing student generated videos.

TeachersTV



TeachersTv is a great resource site for educators . It provides Educational

video resources, lesson plans, inspiration and ideas to use in classroom. It also supports the professional development of anyone working in school, enabling them to widen their skills, develop their practice, and connect with others in the field. It has an awesome community of educators just like you and me who are ready to offer their help and guide you through your professional development journey.

TeachersTube



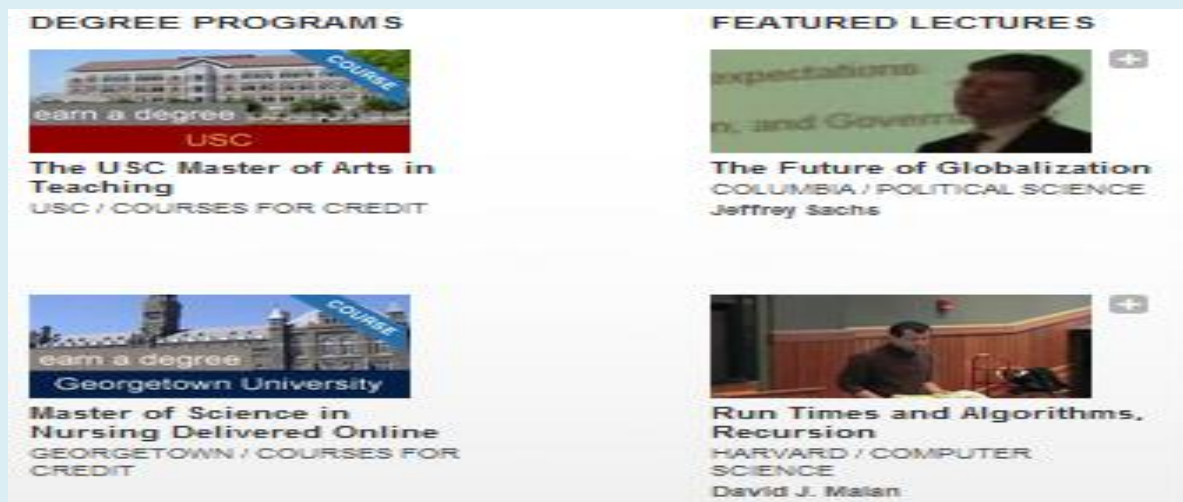
Teachers Tube is another great video resource created by teachers for teachers. It provides videos covering a wide range of topics. Some of these videos include lessons plans in action.

Next Vista



Next Vista is an advertising free video sharing site that is run by the Google certified teacher Rushton Hurley. It is a great video resource for teachers having problems accessing YouTube videos in their schools . You can now browse different categories and select the educative videos that answers your educative questions and share them with your students .

Academic Earth



Academic Earth is an online repertoire of lectures and courses recorded in videos and organized into different categories. These courses and lectures are recorded from the most reputed American universities such as ; Yale, MIT, Berkeley , Harvard , Princeton, and Stanford . Academic Earth has one goal which is that of bringing the best content together in one place and creates an environment in which that content is remarkably easy to use and where user contributions make existing content increasingly valuable.

Snag Films



Snag Films is a great resource for educative full length documentaries provided by popular producers such as National Geographic. It also provides a catalog of educational films that are accompanied by classroom discussion questions.

How Stuff Works



How Stuf Works is the award-winning source of easy-to-understand explanations of how the world actually works. The material is organized into different categories such as science, tech, auto, adventure..etc

Viddler



Viddler is a great video tool that has the in-video commenting system. It also allows you to record videos directly to the site through your webcam.

Vimeo



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Vimeo is one of the most popular video hosting websites. It has even some features that make it way better than YouTube. Vimeo image and sound quality are really great. Its sharing has all the sharing tools found in YouTube but in a clean and user friendly interface

Blip.tv

Discover the best in original web series.



Blip.tv aims to provide video creators with a high-quality service for sharing their web shows. It is a great tool for teachers who love to work with high definition multimedia.

Dot Sub



Dot Sub has several of user generated content with subtitles included. This is a great tool for students suffering from hearing impairments.

CNN Student News



CNN Students News is a daily web show highlighting a handful of stories. The stories covered by CNN Student News range from traditional serious news topics to how-to stories appealing mostly to students to light and fun stories.

Hulu



Hulu is a joint venture of NBC and News Corps, offers high quality video of television shows, movies, and old news broadcasts.

Nottingham Video Library



The University of Nottingham has some great video resources for you. It has a series of videos on different topics the most popular of which are : [Words of the World](#), [Periodic table of videos](#), and [Foodskey](#), the science of food. These videos are hosted in YouTube.

TedEd



Ted Ed is basically 'a resource of short lessons designed to spark curiosity and promote further learning in and out of classroom.' There are 12 videos in the TED-Ed channel in YouTube up to now . In its official blog, TED team said that the videos included in this channel are created for high school students and life-long learners and within a year or so they will have hundreds in their archive.

The Faculties



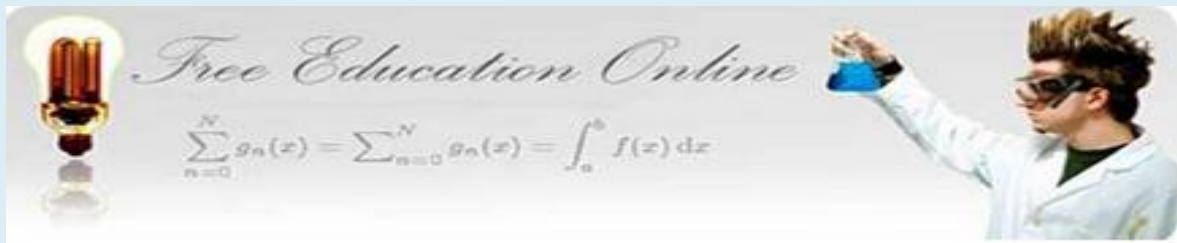
The Faculties provides a wide range of educational videos created by university lecturers speaking on topics in their fields. The Faculties also helps students choose the right university department and guide them through the possibilities their studies might open up for them.

Big Think



Big Think is a video website containing expert commentary on a wide range of issues and ideas. The experts featured on Big Think really are experts in their fields. Harvard Professors, editors of major news publications, politicians, and other recognized authorities offer their commentary on various issues and ideas.

Learners TV



Learners TV is a great educational video resource for students and teachers. It basically provides video lectures covering different topics and subjects. Among the covered subjects are : Biology, physics, mathematics, statistics, computer science, medicine, dentistry, engineering, accounting, and management. Lectures are organized into labels and tagged in such a way that makes it easy for you to navigate and browse categories you want.

Untamed Science



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Untamed Science is a free video resource containing several videos and podcasts on the topics of science, biology and earth.

Do Lectures



Do Lectures features videos from great thinkers in the caliber of Alastair McIntosh, Alan Webber, Adam Lowry and many more. The content in this website is organized in such a neat way that you can easily browse and find videos you want based on the topic you select. There are for instance videos on topics like Business, Food, Creativity (This is my favorite topic), Environment, Sport, Technology and Well-Being. Users can also search for videos by Tone such as Big Ideas, Challenging, Funny, Informative, Inspiring, an Soulful.

Watchily



Watchily is a great website that allows its users to get instant videos from the different popular movie and television show providers. It pulls its results from several video and tv show providers including : Hulu, Netflix, Vudu, HBOGo, iTunes, Amazon, ,axGo, Comcast XFINITY, Redbox, and showtime. Watchily has a very user friendly interface and does not require any registration.

FORA.tv



FORA.tv is like TED in that it also features well-known personalities and experts talking about the important issues of the day.

Cassiopedia



Cassiopedia offers free high definition science education videos . " While the videos are self- contained, they are embedded in a larger story intended to generate interest in the science." The videos can also be found in the Beyond Campus section of iTunes U.

Documentary Heaven



Documentary Heaven is a free website that provides free documentaries. It has a wide library that contains up to 2100 videos and will soon have more for its user base is growing up fast.

PopTech



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PopTech is a video platform that features leading experts from a variety of fields sharing their knowledge and passions. Videos of the presentations can be found on the PopTech website.

Documentaryz



The videos included in Documentaryz are basically YouTube videos but there are also videos from other video hosting platforms. There are several categories that you can browse through to find your content such as Art, Animal and Nature, Business, History, Biography, Military, Media, Funny, Music, Psychology, Environmental and many more.

Teaching Channel



Teaching Channel is basically a video showcase of inspiring and effective teaching practices. You can browse through hundreds of videos submitted by teachers like you and me. Videos feature different topics such as classroom management techniques, videos showing how teachers carry out their lesson plans.

Tilt View



Tilt View is a cool website. It allows users to watch the latest news report. It is more or less similar to You Tube Trends for they both stream what is currently hot on the media. Tilt View monitors news websites in real time and aggregates the breaking news to display in the form of YouTube news videos.

Newsy



Newsy is a good website for people who like to keep track of the latest news events in the world. Some people do not like reading news but rather prefer watching it and Newsy can help them do just that. It aggregates news videos from multiple sources and stream then on its homepage. Among the sources Newsy depends on in fetching its news stories are : BBC, CNN, ABC News, Aljazeera and several others.

PBS Video



PBS Video offers videos from the most popular shows including Frontline, NOVA, Nature, and American Experience. It also has a section called PBS Kids which offers videos as specifically made for kids.

itv Wild



itv Wild provides a plethora of video clips and long feature programs about wild life and animals. The content on itv Wild is neatly organized into different categories and tabs. You will find for instance in the home page tabs labelled: TV Shows, Animals, Competitions, Games.

Explania



Explania is a great website that provides animated explanations. These explanations are included in videos and interactive infographics. It has explanatory videos covering different topics such as biology, social media, geography and many more. Explania even lets you share these videos with others or embed them in your website using a generated HTML code .

Discovery Channel



The History Channel and the Discovery Channel offer content similar to the one found on their television networks.

LangMedia Culture Talk



LangMedia Culture Talk features video clips of interviews and discussions with people from many different countries and of many different ages and walks of life. Some interviews and discussions are in English; more are in the language(s) of the countries involved. Translations and/or transcripts are given for all non-English video clips. Topics include family, food, education, religious and cultural customs, work, art, sport, travel, and more.

USGS Multimedia Gallery



The USGS Multimedia Gallery is a one-stop collection of videos, photography, and other imagery that you can use with your students in the classroom.

MonkeeSee.com



MonkeeSee.com provides videos that are created in HD by professional producers, and feature accomplished experts providing advice and demonstrations in deep detail.

Europa Film Treasures



Europa Film Treasures is an online archive of classic European films. Along with each film in the collection Europa Film Treasures provides some background information such as production method, storyline, director's bio, and information about the the people appearing on camera.

Clip Syndicate



Clip Syndicate is a provider of professionally produced news **videos** from television stations and other media outlets around the United States.

Explore.org



Explore.org is a multimedia organization that documents leaders around the world who have devoted their lives to extraordinary causes. Both educational and inspirational, explore creates a portal into the soul of humanity by championing the selfless acts of others.

22 Frames



22 Frames is providing a central place to easily and reliably discover captioned and subtitled videos across multiple video hosts.

Free Video Lectures



Free Video Lectures is a library of more than 18,000 video lectures from more than 700 courses offered by some of the world's top colleges and universities. The library of videos can be searched by subject and or university.

Kids Tube



Kids Tube features more than 22,346,148 approved and filtered videos all of which are kids safe and meant just for kids . KidsTube includes a directory of thousands of images and not only that it also allows you to upload your own videos and create groups or join others' groups and engage in educative discussions in such an awesome community of people .

ESL Basics



ESL Basics is a site that provides short video vocabulary lessons for beginning and advanced ESL students. For teachers, ESL Basics has a small collection of suggestions and ideas for teaching ESL.

WatchKnow



WatchKnow has indexed over 33,000+ educational videos, placing them into a directory of over 3,000 categories. The videos are available without any registration or fees to teachers in the classroom and to students at home 24/7. Users can dive into the innovative directory or search for videos by subject and age level. Video titles, descriptions, age level information, and ratings are all edited for usefulness.

Brightstorm



Brightstorm has both of free and paid products. For instance, Brightstorm Math and Brightstorm Science videos are free—these 2,500+ videos cover every topic in Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Precalculus, Trigonometry, Calculus, Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The paid products include great tools like Math Homework Checker and test preparation programs for the SAT, the ACT and several AP courses. Great teaching forms the core of these comprehensive programs, which also include practice quizzes, downloadable materials, full-length practice exams and more.

Math TV



Math TV offers an extensive collection of high quality mathematics tutorials. Math TV's video lessons cover basic mathematics and Algebra.

The Kids Know It Network

The Kids Know It Network Offers Free Educational Movies that bring your student on a fun and interactive journey through the world around us. Each movie begins by introducing students to the topics that they will be learning about, and ends with an online quiz. In order to successfully complete each online video, your student must watch, and then successfully answer the quiz questions with 80% or higher accuracy.

Math A Tube



Math A Tube is a compilation of videos from a variety of users and other websites. Videos are categorized by mathematics topics and sub-topics. The videos demonstrate everything from basic addition through Geometry. The videos on Math A Tube are user-generated so some videos are better than others.

Art Babble



Art Babble is a video website designed and maintained by the Indianapolis Museum of Art. It is intended to showcase video art content in high quality format from a variety of sources and perspectives. Art Babble was created so others will join in spreading the world of art through video.

Fandor



Fandor is a website that offers over 2000 indie movies that you can watch right from your computer. It also includes international movies and documentaries covering various categories such as comedy, drama, action and science fiction. All you need to do is log on with your facebook account. When you watch a movie you can leave your comment or review or even share the video on your websites

Sprd word



Sprd word is a cool website that provides great documentary videos that you would not find in the traditional media. You can browse videos by category, topic, alphabetically or by region. Apart from documentaries, you can also find links to short informative videos on the right panel of the website.

Documentary Heaven



Documentary Heaven is another free to use website that offers a various collection of documentary films that you can watch online. It does not require any sign up and it allows you to select films using category options such as activist, celebrity, conspiracy, mystery, war, technology... etc.

TopDocumentaryFilms



TopDocumentary is a website that offers free documentaries. It has up to 350 films that can be browsed through categories such as art, biography, comedy, crime, history, military etc. You can also select the most commented or controversial documentaries in the website.

SnagFilms



provides the world's most compelling documentaries .You can search for any documentary film using a set of different categories and a smart search barread more in Free Documentaries for educators.

Free Documentary Tv



is a great website for watching free documentary films . It is developed by Holly who has a great passion and love for documentaries . Free Documentary Tv offers more than 1700 films covering a wide range of topics

PBS



(Public Broadcasting Service) is a a great website that offers free in-depth lengthy documentaries on different popular issues.

OneBigTorrent



is a great place for quality documentary torrents. "OneBigTorrent.org is a new place for sharing material that deals with or is relevant to issues of social justice, progressive and radical politics, independent media, ecology".

Joost



is not as known as the other documentary websites mentioned above but it does features some high quality videos. There are now about 27 channels in documentary section depending on your location

5min main



It offers tens of thousands of videos across 20 categories and 140 subcategories which are professionally produced and brand-safe."5min is a site that is entirely devoted to short instructional knowledge and lifestyle videos

Teachers' Domain



This is a free digital media service for educational use from public broadcasting and its partners. You'll find thousands of media resources, support materials, and tools for classroom lessons, individualized learning programs, and teacher professional learning communities.

PBS Teachers



PBS Teachers is PBS' national web destination for high-quality preK-12 educational resources. Here you'll find classroom materials suitable for a wide range of subjects and grade levels. We provide thousands of lesson plans, teaching activities, on-demand video assets, and interactive games and simulations. These resources are correlated to state and national educational standards and are tied to PBS' award-winning on-air and online programming like NOVA, Nature, Cyberchase, Between the Lions and more.

Thinkfinity



Thinkfinity offers comprehensive teaching and learning resources created by some amazing content partners which are the most respected organizations in each academic subject area and literacy. The easy-to-navigate K-12 resources are grade-specific and are aligned with state standards.

NeoK12



This is a vast collection of resources and Web 2.0 tools that might fit into any lesson. Along with pictures and videos that have been teacher selected,

NBCLearn



For more than 80 years, NBC News has been documenting the people, places, and events that shape our world. NBC Learn, the educational arm of NBC News, is dedicated to making these historic stories, images and primary source documents available on-demand to teachers, students, and parents.

The National Geographic



The National Geographic Society has been inspiring people to care about the planet since 1888. It is one of the largest non-profit scientific and educational institutions in the world. Its interests include geography, archaeology and natural science, the promotion of environmental and historical conservation.

History.com



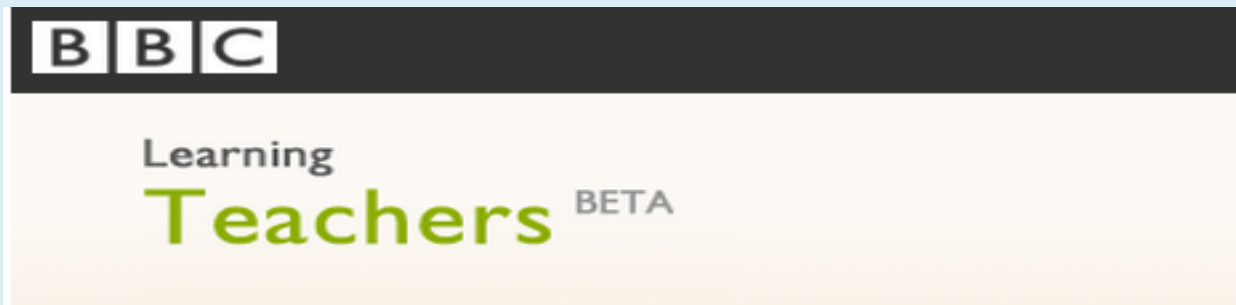
This is an amazing site that is sure to provide a game, video clip, or article that will engage students. Whether it be a hook to begin a study or some outstanding information to sustain learning, it is definitely worth a look

CSPAN Video Library



A great collection of both short and longer video clips that allow students to explore the workings of government.

BBC Learning for Teachers



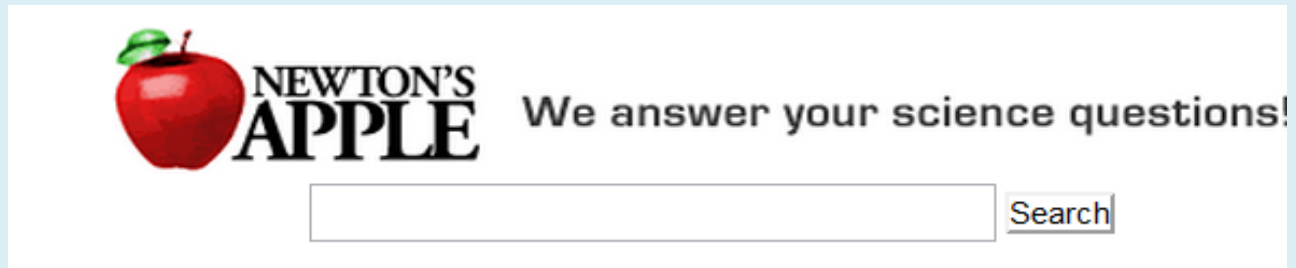
This is a great video resource for teachers. It has over 9000 video clips and many more links.

iTunes Education Podcasts



It has countless number of videos covering different educational and academic topics. This is a great video resource that every teacher should consider.

Newton's Apple



Discover the fascinating science of the world around us with over 300 video clips.

Browse the categories, or enter a question or a keyword in the search box.

American Field Guide



Take a trip into Earth's ancient geologic past and see how it all began or discover how elemental forces continue to shape our world. Check out the featured video clips for a peek at some of the most intriguing segments on Earth and Space; or dig deeper into the collection by browsing the subtopic categories.

Exploratorium



Browse hundreds of webcasts, video clips, podcasts, and slideshows from the Exploratorium's collection of original programming, from remote scientific expeditions to fun hands-on activities.

Chemistry Video Collection



Excellent selection of videos that relate to chemistry. Contains experiments and many simulations that might not be able to be demonstrated in a standard school lab.

Science Hack

The logo for ScienceHack features the word "Science" in black, "Hack" in blue, and a superscripted Greek letter alpha (α) in black.

Science Hack is a unique video search engine for science videos. Every video is screened and approved based on accuracy and quality by scientists.

MathActive



MathActive lessons are Flash animated math modules designed for grades K-12. Each module features content that touches a geometry performance objective from the Arizona Academic Standards for mathematics.

Smithsonian Channel



It is a joint venture of the Smithsonian Institution and Showtime Networks Inc., explores the history of our planet, life and culture, with 100% original, family-friendly programming. Smithsonian Channel brings content from the world's leading cultural institution into a media-rich environment, presenting all programs in true high-definition and Dolby Digital 5.1

Science Kids



Science Kids is the home of science and technology on the internet for children around the world. Learn more about the amazing world of science by enjoying our fun science experiments, cool facts, online games, free activities, ideas, lesson plans, photos, quizzes, video and science fair projects.

SchoolWAX TV



This is your educational video and homework help site . It is indeed one of the best educational resource site online . It is very secure and provides a safe environment for students to work on . SchoolWax tv allows you to upload your own videos without any sign up , watch others' videos and share the ones you like with your friends .

Khan Academy



It has a library of over 3,000 videos covering everything from arithmetic to physics, finance, and history and 315 practice exercises, the purpose is to help you learn what you want, when you want, at your own pace.

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Here are some other free resources for teachers and students:

[Free Kids-safe Websites: Learning Tools for Young Learners](#)

[The Comprehensive Guide To Google's Free Tools for Educators and Teachers.](#)

[A List of Free Educational Android and iOS Apps.](#)

[21 Educational Infographics](#)

[Free URL Shortner Tools](#)

[Free Math Resources: Lesson Plans, Activities and Games.](#)

[16 Free Typing Resources.](#)

[Free Apps for Students with Visual and Hearing Impairment.](#)

[A List of Free Graphic Organizers for Teachers and Students.](#)

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Thank you.